

sharing of resources with non-gaming tribes as well as community programs and charitable organizations.

We are confident the people of California will not permit outside, powerful money interests—mostly from Las Vegas—to alter their support for California tribes in their effort to finally achieve economic self-sufficiency through legal, regulated and responsible gaming operations.

Therefore, be it resolved: We, as tribal nations, stand together at a time when our opponents are determined to keep us powerless and in poverty. We will not allow it! Gaming and non-gaming tribes alike are affected by these struggles. We strongly support the continued operation of Indian gaming consistent with the aforementioned and mutually agreed-upon principles.

Signed this day, June 9, 1998 in Washington, D.C. the California Nations Indian Gaming Association/Assembly for Economic Justice.

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Nations Indian
Gaming Association.

HONORING THE MEADOWOOD RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Meadowood Retirement Community which has become one of the finest retirement communities in the country because it has been developed by people who have had a willingness to work, a seriousness of purpose and a genuine interest in the well being of others.

The original root of what has become Meadowood was a response to a growing need in my district to enhance the lives of those men and women who were becoming older and were seeking ways to live where there was a glow in the quality of life.

As a newspaper editor and publisher from the 13th District, William E. Strasburg felt the need to provide retirement living where men and women could live and work together and have the benefit of health care and the totality of life care.

Sylvia Strasburg, his wife, had been working with senior citizen programs in Montgomery County and was fully aware of the need to provide a suitable retirement community.

Sylvia's parents, Blanche and Malcom Schweiker, had lived on the property that is now known as the Schweiker Guest House. It had been handed down through her mother's family, the Schultz family, and when her father died in 1982, Bill and Sylvia together went to several members of the Schwenkfelder Church and the local community to form a Board to sponsor such a retirement community which would be separate from the Church and yet an outreach of the mission of the Church.

Richard Schweiker lived with his parents in the Schweiker Guest House and began his political career there. He was Montgomery County's Congressman for four terms and then United States Senator for two terms when he became Secretary of Health and Human Services in President Reagan's cabinet.

To reflect the location, the meadows and the woods, the new community would take on the name of Meadowood. The independent living apartments would be named for the birds and the trees of the meadows and the woods.

Central to the development and the operation of Meadowood would be a mission statement which would reflect the common objective to create a caring environment where each person is respected and valued. This would be illustrated as a three legged stool where each of the equal legs would provide a solid support. The Schwenkfelder Church as well recognizes that growth toward spiritual maturity is a life-long process.

Additional land was acquired, permits were obtained, the sewer plant was acquired, upgraded and turned over to the Township and financing was completed . . . and then in March of 1986 ground was broken for Meadowood. The first residents moved into their new homes on a rainy day in May of 1988. The dedication took place around the fountain in June of 1989.

The Board has selected dedicated and caring professionals to manage Meadowood. Since 1989 Meadowood has been managed by American Retirement Corporation Management of Brentwood, Tennessee. This caring dedication is a strength that has been woven into the fabric of Meadowood's development and continues today.

God bless the Meadowood retirement community and all of its residents. The mission of creating a caring and respecting environment has truly enhanced Montgomery County.

IN HONOR OF MONSIGNOR LEO TYMKIW

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Monsignor Leo Tymkiw, Pastor of St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Parma, Ohio, who is celebrating 50 years as a priest.

Monsignor Leo Tymkiw was born on April 21, 1914 in Boiany, Ukraine. He completed his elementary and secondary education in Stanyslaviv, Ukraine. In 1938, he graduated from Theological Academy in Lviv, Ukraine, with a degree in theology. Subsequently, he graduated from the School of Library Science where he studied church history for several years. On Easter Sunday, May 2, 1948, he was consecrated to the Holy Priesthood by Archbishop Ivan Buchko. His first assignment was as the Spiritual Director for Ukrainian students in Munich.

Monsignor Leo Tymkiw emigrated to America in 1950. In 1952, he organized the parish "Under the Protection of Blessed Virgin Mary" in Troy, New York, and he served as its pastor for three years. In 1955 he organized another new parish, also named "Under the Protection of Blessed Virgin Mary" in Bristol, Pennsylvania. Monsignor Leo Tymkiw served as their pastor for four years. He was pastor of a parish in Crisholm, Minnesota for several months in 1959. From 1960 to 1972 he served as pastor of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Lorain, Ohio. On August 1, 1972 Monsignor Leo Tymkiw was appointed the first pastor of St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic

Church in Parma, Ohio. He has served as their pastor for the past 26 years.

Mr. Speaker, let us recognize the achievements of Monsignor Leo Tymkiw, who will be honored at a dinner on June 14, 1998 for a lifetime of giving, service and achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present on June 9 for Rollcall vote 212, Rollcall vote 213, and Rollcall vote 214, I would have voted "yea". In addition, I would have cast an "aye" on Rollcall vote 215, had I voted.

A FOND FAREWELL TO FATHER ANTALL

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rev. Richard C. Antall, who this week will leave St. Mary's Catholic Church in Painesville, Ohio, to return to El Salvador to work as a missionary. He will leave a void that many suspect will never fully be filled.

For the residents of Painesville, Ohio, and indeed all of Lake County, Ohio, Father Antall was much more than simply a local priest. In the four years Antall spent as an associate pastor at St. Mary's, he immersed himself in virtually every aspect of the community, and was often considered the spiritual, legal, and political arm of the Hispanic community.

Not only did Father Antall lead a Spanish-speaking mass each Sunday at the church, but he became intertwined in the lives of the migrant workers who travel to Lake County each year from Mexico to work in the county's many nurseries and farms. For a great number of the workers, Father Antall was not just their spiritual mentor, but also served as their advocate whenever disputes arose over working or living conditions. He was a friend, mentor, translator and a wonderful listener.

Father Antall was tireless in defending the workers, and was of great assistance to me personally when I was new to the Congress, particularly when we began addressing immigration legislation and its effect on seasonal workers. His input was invaluable to me, and I witnessed firsthand the kindness that drew so many to him. Father Antall has a wonderful quality of placing those around him at ease—be they his parishioners, children, educators, lawyers or lawmakers.

So many lives in the Painesville area have been touched by this selfless man, and while many wish he did not have to leave, those who know him certainly understand his need to pursue his lifelong dream of being a missionary in El Salvador. This will mark a homecoming to the remote Central American country where Father Antall spent seven years working with the Cleveland Diocese mission before coming to St. Mary's.

It is my full expectation that Father Antall will provide a voice, a heart and a helping